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FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7064

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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: ETRD, CO

SUBJ: POSSIBLE GOC RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF U.S. MOTOR
VEHICLES

REF: A) STATE 68392; B) BOGOTA 1844

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INCOMEX
(COLOMBIAN INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE) STATING THAT THE
OMISSION OF FORD VEHICLES WAS AN INVOLUNTARY OMISSION ON THE
PART OF THE GOC. LETTER ADDED THAT FORD REPRESENTATIVES IN
COLOMBIA HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE INVOLUNTARY OMISSION.

2. EMBASSY SPOKE WITH FORD'S REPRESENTATIVE IN BOGOTA WHO
STATED THAT INDEED INCOMEX HAS NOTIFIED HIM OF THE INVOLUNTARY
OMISSION AND THAT HE IS SATISFIED WITH EXPLANATION. HOWEVER,
CUSTOMS OFFICIALS MUST NOW NOTIFY INCOMEX BY MEANS OF AN OFFICIAL
DECREE IN ORDER FOR INCOMEX TO APPROVE IMPORT LICENSE APPLICATIONS.
NO SUCH DECREE HAS YET BEEN ISSUED BY CUSTOMS. THEREFORE,
IMPORT LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR FORD VEHICLES ARE BEING HELD IN
ABEYANCE PENDING RECEIPT OF CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION. EMBASSY
REQUESTED FROM FORD REPRESENTATIVE A COPY OF THE DATA NEEDED
BY CUSTOMS, WHICH WE COULD THEN FORWARD TO CUSTOMS.

3. INCOMEX LETTER STATES THAT IN THE CASE OF PLYMOUTH VEHICLES,
INCOMEX'S OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PRICES HAS REPEATEDLY
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REQUESTED FROM CHRYSLER COLMOTORES IN BOGOTA THE LIST OF EXPORT
PRICES, BUT UNFORTUNATELY NO SUCH LIST HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE
TO GOC OFFICIALS. WHEN THE PRICES ARE MADE AVILABLE
PLYMOUTH WILL BE ADDED TO LIST.

4. RE PARA 2, REFTEL: (1) FORD HAS NO PLANT OPERATIONS IN COLOMBIA.
CHRYSLER HAS AN ASSEMBLY PLANT FOR DODGE VEHICLES ONLY. PLYMOUTH

VEHICLES ARE IMPORTED FROM THE US. (2) INsofar AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, NO OTHER CAR MAKES ARE RESTRICTED. (3) SEE PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE. (4) EMBASSY FINDS RESTRICTIONS NOT TO BE DISCRIMINATORY SINCE OTHER US CARS ARE INCLUDED IN DECREE 0054, SUCH AS LINCOLN, AMERICAN MOTORS MODELS, GMC LINE AND SOME DODGE TRUCKS, ETC. (5) DECREE 0054 IS A PERMANENT MEASURE.

5. RE YOUR PARAGRAPH 3: EMBASSY SEES NO NEED AT PRESENT FOR DISCUSSION OF ISSUE AT THE MTN LEVEL. IT APPEARS THAT OMISSION WAS GENUINE MISTAKE.

6. LIST OF ALL CARS IN DECREE 54 FOLLOWS:

LINCOLN MERCURY

CHRYSLER ASPEN MONACO

AMER MOTORS PACER HORNET GREMLIN

PONTIACE BUICK CADILLAS DIPLOMAT CHEVROLET OLDSMOBILE

CJ CHEROKEE JEEPS

DODGE TRUCKS INTL TRUCKS CHEVY TRUCKS

JAGUAR LANCIA MGB VOLKSWAGEN
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FORD FIESTA (GERMAN) FORD ESCORT (GERMAN) FORD TAUNUS (GERMAN)
FORD CAPRI (GERMAN) GORD GRANADA (GERMAN)

ALFA ROMEO AUDI BMW CAPRI OPEL PEUGEOT PORSCHE
RENAULT TRIUMPH VOLVO MERCEDES CITROEN HONDA MAZDA
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